

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USUN N 03798 180249Z

11  
ACTION L-03

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 IO-13 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02

INR-07 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-15 AF-08 ARA-10 EA-09 NEA-10 EB-07 COME-00

TRSE-00 AID-05 STR-04 OPIC-06 JUSE-00 /141 W  
----- 072202

R 172205Z SEP 76  
FM USMISSION USUN NY  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9255  
INFO USMISSION OECD PARIS  
USMISSION EC BRUSSELS  
USMISSION GENEVA

UNCLAS USUN 3798

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EGEN, UN, EINV  
SUBJECT: INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS

REF: USUN 3674

1. SUMMARY: AT SEPTEMBER 17 MEETING SEVEN WEO'S  
FORMALLY PRESENTED THEIR CANDIDACIES FOR ILLICIT PAYMENTS  
WORKING GROUP, AND THE NETHERLANDS INDICATED IT LIKELY  
TO DO SO. WEO CHAIRMAN WILL RAISE QUESTION WITH CHAIRMAN  
OF THE OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, AND  
REPORT BACK TO WEO GROUP THE SAME DAY. END SUMMARY

2. AT U.S. INITIATIVE, WEO MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17  
CONSIDERED GROUP CANDIDATES FOR SUBJECT WORKING GROUP.  
PRIOR TO THE MEETING, WE HAD CONTACTED ALL WEO NEW YORK  
MISSIONS USSGESTING, IN EFFECT, THAT THEY SEEK INSTRUCTION.  
IN INTRODUCING ITEM AT THE MEETING, US REPRESENTATIVE EM-  
PHASIZED THE IMPORATNCE THE USG ATTACHES TO ISSUE OF ILLICIT  
PAYMENTS AND URGED EXPENDITIOUS WEO ACTION IN AGREEING ON  
A SLATE OF CANDIDATES IN VIEW OF SCHEDULED RESUMED SESSION  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 USUN N 03798 180249Z

OF 61ST ECOSOC ON SEPTEMBER 24. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE

MIGHT BE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN WORKING OUT AN EIGHTEEN-MAN WORKING GROUP, EXPRESSED OUR DESIRE NOT TO EXCLUDE ANY COUNTRY WITH A LEGITIMATE INTEREST, BUT ARGUED THE MERITS OF A SMALL, EFFICIENT GROUP IN VIEW OF THE TECHNICAL SUBSTANCE INVOLVED AND HOPES FOR MEANINGFUL PROGRESS BY THE 63RD ECOSOC.

3. THE FOLLOWING PRESENTED THEIR CANDIDACIES: ITALY, CANADA, FRANCE, UK, FRG, US, AND A NORDIC (NOT YET DESIGNATED). THE NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVE STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING, HAD DEFERRED PRESENTING ITS CANDIDACY TO SEE IF THE WEO'S COULD AGREE ON A SLATE WITHIN THE EIGHTEEN-MEMBER FORMULA, AND NOW WOULD SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS. SWITZERLAND SOUGHT OBSERVER STATUS ON THE WORKING GROUP.

4. FINAL CONSENSUS OF THE MEETING WAS THAT THE WEO CHAIRMAN (AMBASSADOR INGVARSSON OF ICELAND) WOULD RAISE THIS ITEM AT A MEETING OF REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. HE WILL UNDERLINE THE STRONG WEO INTEREST IN THE WORKING GROUP AND SEEK TO ACCOMMODATE WEO CANDIDATES WITHIN THE EIGHTEEN-MAN FORMULA. IF, AS EXPECTED, THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, AMBASSADOR INGVARSSON WILL EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF ENLARGING THE GROUP ARGUING, IN THE PROCESS, THAT THE GROUP SHOULD REFLECT SUBSTANTIVE INTEREST AND THUS NEED NOT FOLLOW PREVIOUS GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTIONS. IN REPORTING THIS CONSENSUS, AMBASSADOR INGVARSSON TOOK NOTE OF OUR APPEAL THAT THE WORKING GROUP BE AS SMALL AS POSSIBLE.

5. WEO GROUP TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO MEET LATE MONDAY AFTERNOON TO HEAR THE REPORT ON THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING WITH OTHER REGIONAL GROUPS.

6. JAPAN HAS CIRCULATED A NOTE ANNOUNCING ITS CANDIDACY AS A MEMBER OF THE ASIAN GROUP AND WILL RAISE THIS QUESTION AT THE ASIAN GROUP MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. SCRANTON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** BRIBERY, CORRUPTION, MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, COMMITTEES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 17 SEP 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976USUNN03798  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760353-0505  
**From:** USUN NEW YORK  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760946/aaaabnfn.tel  
**Line Count:** 98  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION L  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 USUN NEW YORK 3674  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** vandyklc  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 25 FEB 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <25 FEB 2004 by MaustMC>; APPROVED <25 AUG 2004 by vandyklc>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS  
**TAGS:** EGEN, EINV, UN  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006